

# NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 5

## ESPIONAGE AND COUNTERESPIONAGE OPERATIONS

(Revised 23 August 1951; TOP SECRET)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 (d) of the National Security Act of 1947, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. The Director of Central Intelligence shall conduct all organized Federal espionage operations outside the United States and its possessions for the collection of foreign intelligence information required to meet the needs of all Departments and Agencies concerned, in connection with the national security, except for certain agreed activities by other Departments and Agencies.
2. The Director of Central Intelligence shall conduct all organized Federal counterespionage operations outside the United States and its possessions and in occupied areas, provided that this authority shall not be construed to preclude the counter-intelligence activities of any army, navy or air command or installation and certain agreed activities by Departments and Agencies necessary for the security of such organizations.
3. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for coordinating covert and overt intelligence collection activities.
4. When casual agents are employed or otherwise utilized by an DDCI Department or Agency in other than an overt capacity, the Director of Central Intelligence shall coordinate their activities with the organized covert activities.
5. The Director of Central Intelligence shall disseminate such intelligence information to the various Departments and Agencies which have an authorized interest therein.
6. All other National Security Council Intelligence Directives or implementing supplements shall be construed to apply solely to overt intelligence activities unless otherwise specified.
7. In an occupied area, the representative of the Director of Central Intelligence will coordinate espionage and counterespionage operations in or from the area with the senior U. S. Representative and keep the Senior U. S. Military Commander informed in general of the clandestine collection activities conducted by DDCI in or from such area.
8. In an area other than theaters of war or occupied areas, the representative of the Director of Central Intelligence will keep the senior U. S. Representative appropriately advised of the espionage and counterespionage operations in or from the area.
9. When CIA requires Service support for espionage and counterespionage projects, such support as may be authorized by the Department of Defense will be planned jointly with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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